

SOCIETY DELVES INTO THE MYSTERIES OF OCCULTISM.

Seal of Approval Set Upon the Fad by Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish—Adept from Thibet Initiates Fashionable Newport.

Society has taken up the study of occultism, and the possibility of a hostess reading at will the most secret thoughts of her guests is quite a disturbing one. The fad opens up interesting as well as alarming possibilities, and if seriously and systematically pursued may result in some radical changes in the social code.

One question that at once occurs is whether or not a well-bred person could be any more justified in discerning the things stowed away in the mental strong-box of her friends any more than she would be justified in reading a private letter. As an amusement it may be all right, but as a serious attainment its advantages are questionable. Its drawbacks are undeniable.

A woman thus equipped, who can X-ray the minds of her friends, would probably obliterate nearly all of her visiting list. Again, a husband who was conscious that nothing could be concealed from the psychic eye of his wife would wisely have nothing to conceal. The unmarried woman, though, well equipped by normal instinct, could discern the first flutter of a man's heart for her, or at once distinguish whether the words of a suitor were true or false.

Women Eager Students. These possibilities are here dwelt upon because it is the women who are taking up the fad with avidity. Some of them are already so much advanced as to make surprising demonstrations.

The seal of approval has been set upon the fad by those two social architects Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish. It is said that instead of summer novels and other trivials reading, the books most in favor at Newport at present are Mme. Blavatsky's "Isis Unveiled," the works of Col. Olcott, the earnest disciple of the Occult World, and "Esoteric Buddhism," the work of Prof. Fullerton, of the University of Pennsylvania, who was a member of the Seibert commission to investigate spiritualism and psychic phenomena, and the lectures of Annie Besant.

Just before Mrs. Belmont's dinner on Friday night last, her guests, a Mahatma who had all of the deep wisdom and occult power of Tibet, the familiar Mme. Blavatsky and Olcott. His name is Saraka and he showed himself to be an amazing adept.

Some of the things he did were as remarkable as the manifestation of Mme. Blavatsky in a Fifth Avenue mansion, when the high priestess, at a shower of roses materialized out of the air of the great parlor and fell at the feet of the gathering.

Adept Saraka's Society. Saraka, who hails from Tibet, is of a deep bronze color, thin, with blue-black hair, and black eyes so bright that they seem to emit fire. He is a low, muscular and luscious man, and possesses a charm almost as powerful as that of his remarkable features.

His hands, with which he frequently gestures, are long and slender, the fingers well formed and symmetrical, the nails touched with henna, and polished so that they reflected it as light of the room in rose-like flashes.

He delivered his lecture in French, and the language as spoken by him seemed to give an added charm to some listeners consider it an uncanny subject. Then he gave some of his "tests," which were mainly of the feats, to the surprise, amazement and perhaps trepidation of some of the guests.

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A perfectly passive mental state, so as to be good "receivers" in the mental Marconi operation. Some of the results have been surprising, but more so than this one, which will lead to a wedding in the winter.



"Thank you," she replied. "I'd rather you would not."

But Saraka did show many wonderful things, also that he could read the average mind with the same facility that a New Yorker reads of the defeat of the Giants. The swarthy adept made some of the audience feel quite uncomfortable.

It is related that a well-known broker ran down to this city from Newport a few days ago, and when he returned the summer resort took along a splendid diamond ring for his wife. Knowing her bent for the study of the occult, he asked:

"What have I in my pocket?"

She looked at him fixedly. He smiled back at her.

"A letter," she replied.

His eyes wandered for a fraction of a second and then he laughed. "Describe it," he said impatiently.

"It is in a square white envelope," she replied, "and is directed to you at the Westbury." Then she paused.

The lines about his mouth became slightly tense and he laughed again. "Well, perhaps you'll tell me what the diamond-letter says," he tauntingly said.

"I can," she replied, "but I'll spare your feelings. This I will tell you, however. It is signed 'Helen'."

"Who nonsense?" he said, with a pitiful assumption of bravado. "One to hear you speak would think you have leveled all your gold." But her gaze is fixed on an object, an idea or a person. Those in the circle endeavor to get into

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Lenox Love Story. At Lenox, too, the fad is getting going, and "psychic circles" are popular. At these exciting teas, the guests are in thought-transference. One person stands in the middle of a circle and concentrates his mind on an object, an idea or a person. Those in the circle endeavor to get into

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When the girl is a beautiful, athletic creature, who is quite daring in speech and action. A Harvard graduate, who has been much in her company, was the "transmitter" at a recent gathering.

No one answered for a while, and then the athletic girl spoke up.

"Of a proposal," said she.

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Mayor Fagan, of Hoboken, and a Foreign Steamship Company Make a Veritable Hobo of the Old Frigate by Refusing It a Berth at Dock—Gov. Voorhees Is Positive It Must Be Given a Resting Place.

Gov. Voorhees, of New Jersey, and Mayor Fagan, of Hoboken, are at loggerheads over a proposition to furnish a berth off the frigate city for the venerable war frigate Portsmouth. The Governor is backed up by the Eastern Battalion of the New Jersey Naval Reserve, and supporting Mayor Fagan is the Holland-American Steamship Company. All of the parties are thickly armed with war paint. In the meantime the hoary Portsmouth, hero of many a hard fought battle in the harbor of New York, carrying the banner of distress by day and night.

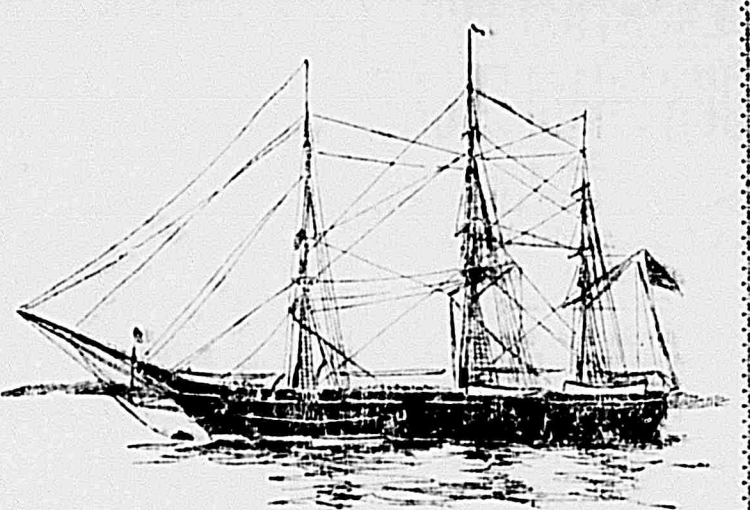
There are two battalions of the New Jersey Naval Reserve. The eastern, with headquarters at Hoboken, was assigned the Portsmouth as a practice and training ship a few years ago. The western battalion, with headquarters at Camden, secured another veteran wooden warship.

It was the desire of the Hoboken authorities that the Portsmouth should dock within their jurisdiction. After the deed of gift by which the late Commodore Edwin A. Stevens presented Hudson Park to the city had been carefully studied, it was decided that this deed allowed the Portsmouth an anchorage off the park.

The Portsmouth was given a berth just north of the pier of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, and rested there undisturbed until the great lock fire a year ago. Then, in order to save the old frigate she was towed out to the river by day and night.

Temporary quarters were found for her until some six weeks ago, when the Navy Reserves decided to place her in her old position. They encountered opposition from the city authorities and also from the Holland-American Steamship Company, which coveted the water front that the Portsmouth had occupied. So far had the steamship opposition come as to drive plans to prevent the entrance of the frigate to her dock.

The Naval Reserves labored in vain with Mayor Fagan and the other city rulers. It was asserted by the Mayor that complaints had been made about the actions of the cadets of the Naval Reserve. But the amateur sea soldiers soon found that the force of the op-



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position came from the Holland-American Line and Captain Whittemore, its Hoboken representative.

An appeal to the Governor was decided upon. Prominent in the Naval Reserve is Robert Tuttle, the Governor's private secretary, so it was not hard to gain the executive ear. When Gov. Voorhees heard of the side of the naval men he summoned Mayor Fagan and Captain Whittemore to a conference at Sea View.

The Governor told them that he would not sign a riparian claim for the ground desired by the steamship company unless it constituted a provision for the accommodation of the Portsmouth.

Captain Whittemore said he would not accept such a deed.

"If you won't sign the deed," said Mayor Fagan, "we'll wait until we get a new Governor."

The State Republican Board meets at Sea View to-day, and the controversy will be fought out before it. The Reserves are disposed to make concessions, but the Mayor and the steamship men are firm in their demand that the Reserves be barred entirely from the basin off Hudson Park.

TWO PENNIES CAUSED DEATH.

Five-Year-Old Boy Instantly Killed by Fall from Fire Escape.

Alexander Adams, the five-year-old son of Robert Adams, of No. 48 West Twenty-ninth street, fell from a third-story window fire-escape to-day and was instantly killed.

Little Alec's mother sent him out to get a rebate of two cents on a soda-water bottle.

On the way back he lingered to play with Eddie Burg, on the third floor. Alec climbed up the handrail of the fire-escape and, slipping, fell to the street.

The two cents were found in his pocket.

Rear-Admiral Irwin Dead. WASHINGTON, July 29.—Rear-Admiral John Irwin, retired, died last night, aged sixty-nine years. He entered the Navy Academy in 1872 and had a good war record. He leaves a wife and daughter and one son, John Irwin, paymaster on the Essex, now stationed at Newport.

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RAIN FOR CORN BELT. Forty Days' Drought Is Effectively Broken.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—After an unprecedented duration of forty days the great drought and hot wave in the corn belt has been broken by thunder-showers, which were quite general and in many places heavy.

They were accompanied by decided falls in temperature and the appearance of a cool wave in the Northwest this morning indicates that a further fall may be expected to-night and Tuesday in the States of the Central West.

CHINAMEN OFF ON AN OUTING.

Sunday School Pupils, 1,500 Strong, Guests of Teachers.

The Chinamen of the various mission Sunday-schools of New York enjoyed their nineteenth annual excursion to-day. With their white-robed teachers the Christians made up a merry crowd as they boarded the Iron Steamboat "Tomas" at Pier 1 and steamed away to Forest Glen, on Long Island Sound.

There were 1,500 persons in the party, and as the steamer rounded the Battery the flag bearing the Yellow Dragon of China was unfurled at the foremast and the Stars and Stripes at the stern.

The Chinamen ranged in age from little American-born toddlers who make most attractive pictures to the middle-aged Chinamen who never grow too old to admire their "Mellon" teachers.

Most of them were young men, and all attired in modern garb. They came from the Sunday-schools of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches, and were under the direction of a committee of Chinamen, who managed the details of the excursion and marshaled the crowd under the direction of Miss Ide, of St. Bartholomew's Mission, in East Forty-second street.

The day's sports included a Chinese football game to Chinese music. Plenty of American soft drinks were taken aboard to wash down the combination of American and Chinese winds which have been provided for the day's outing.

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COOPER OF WIS. A MARRIED MAN.

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The identity of the bride is a mystery. Mr. Cooper notified his sons and law partners back in Racine by telegram of the fact that he had married, but in all his telegrams the most important detail, the name of the bride, was lacking. Relatives and friends alike are completely in the dark, and it does not appear that the puzzle will be solved until the Congressman and the lady reach the other side of the Atlantic, where they will find numerous queries cabled at considerable expense awaiting them.

Mr. Cooper left Racine for the East on July 29, ostensibly to visit the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. So far as any one in his family knew he had not the slightest idea of marrying, nor was there any one whom they could look upon as a prospective bride.

His law partners in the firm of Cooper, Simmons, Nelson & Walker, were also taken by surprise. Mr. Cooper is a bachelor, and has not been known to have formed a second attachment. He has been prominent in Congress, where he vigorously fought the tax on Porto Rican products. He maintained that the Philippines and Porto Rico are a part of the United States, and it is discriminating duties should not be levied on goods coming from either place.

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Delvin, a Heat Victim, Tried Hard to Die Off Liberty Island.

Suffering from heat prostration and insomnia Daniel Delvin, an electrician, residing at 87 Vernon avenue, Ravenswood, Queens Borough, attempted suicide on the Staten Island Rapid Transit ferry-boat Castleton, on the 10 o'clock trip from the foot of Whitehall street this morning.

Delvin boarded the Castleton at 9:55 and took a seat on the forward deck of the boat.

When the Castleton was about south of the Statue of Liberty, Liberty Island, Delvin jumped from his seat, and, climbing over the iron gates, dove into the water.

Capt. Boster had a boat lowered. It reached him just as he was about to go down for the third time.

It is a miracle that Delvin was not instantly killed, for when he dove from the boat she was traveling fast and he narrowly escaped being hit by the port side wheel.

When the boat reached St. George Delvin was turned over to the police and held for examination.

TOOK DEADLY CYANIDE. Wm. M. Silloway Left Note Saying He Was Financially Embarrassed.

(Special to The Evening World.) NORFOLK, Va., July 29.—William M. Silloway committed suicide here after having spent the big estate of his wife, the daughter of James Reid, a wealthy Scotch baker.

Mrs. Silloway went to the funeral of a friend, and upon her return found Silloway dead in bed from the effects of cyanide of potassium taken in quantities sufficient to kill a horse.

He left a note saying financial embarrassment had caused the act.

Silloway came here from Boston. His only living relatives are two nieces, Miss Annie Green, of Boston, and Miss Carrie E. Silloway, a teacher in Vassar College. He was a Mason of high standing in the States of the Central West.

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